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Sir:

**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO DECEMBER 14, 2000 OFFICE ACTION  
AND PETITION FOR A ONE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME**

This Amendment is submitted in response to the December 14, 2000 Office Action issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the December 14, 2000 Office Action was due March 14, 2001. Applicants hereby petition for a one-month extension of time from March 14, 2001 to April 14, 2001. Applicants have previously established small entity status and it is still applicable. The required fee for a one-month extension of time is \$55.00 for a small entity and a check in that amount is enclosed. However, since April 14, 2001 falls on a Saturday, a response is due the next business day which is not a Saturday, Sunday or Federal holiday. Accordingly, a response, with a one-month extension of time, to the December 14, 2000 Office Action is now due April 16, 2001 and this Amendment is timely filed.

Please amend the subject application as follows:

**In the Claims**

Please amend claims 1, 2, 6-8 and 12 as marked-up in Exhibit A

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